Setting up of New Automatic Exchange at Rajkot

1478. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA KOLI: Will the Minsiter of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Automatic Telephone Exchange at Rajkot which was to start functioning from 1982 has not yet started functioning;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereby; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) It was not planned to start functioning from 1982.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The exchange with 5000 lines capacity is likely to be commissioned by December, 1985 and its expansion by another 5000 lines likely by March, 1986.

Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices at Rajkot

1479. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS pleaesd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices have been opened in various areas of Gondal Morbi, Jetpur, Dhoraji and other places of Rajkot during the period 1st January, 1982 to 30th September, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent on each one during these period;

(d) what are the plans, projects and estimates of each one; and

(e) what are the reasons for delay in carrying out the above plans, projects in time and within the estimated budgets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given at Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) The information is given at Statement-III (*See below*).

(d) The information is given at StatementI-II (*See below*).

(e) *For Telephone Exchanges*:

The reasons for delay in carrying out the projects are non availability of exchange building and exchange equipments.

Statement-I

Details of Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices opened in Areas of Gondal, Morbi Jetpur, Dhoraji and other places of Rajkot during 1-1-1982 *to* 30-9.1985

Telephone Exchanges — 25 lines:

1. Pithwa
2. Mahika
3. Moviya
4. Vadasara
5. Sarapad
6. Naknam
7. Anida
8. Shivarajgarh
9. Sindhavadar
10. Vavaniya
11. Khajurda
12. Chhatrawad
13. Setwadla
14. Khirsara
15. Santhali
16. Jetpurmachu
17. Tarapar
18. Amran

Post Offices:

1. Manharplot
2. Vardusar BO
3. Gangan BO
4. Saundhiala BO
5. Kankot BO
6. Hadmatiya
7. Tarakola BO
8. Chichod BO
9. Malanka BO
10. Sadhadia Jam

Statement—II

Details of amount spent

Name of Exchange	Amount in Rupees
TELEPHONE EXCHANGES :	
1. Khajura	1,39,495
2. Chhatrawad	1,45,383
3. Khirsara	1,29,703
4. Setwadla	1,66,255
5. Santhali	1,17,604
6. Jetpar Pachu	68,517
7. Mahika	64,621
8. Vaiasara	1,43,505
9. Sarapdad	1,07,069
10. Neknam	69,999
11. Anida	96,048
12. Shivrajgarh	68,517
13. Sindhavadar	98,306
14. Vavaniya	88,693
15. Amra	1,19,400
16. Pithiwa	1,48,297
17. Moviya	64,621
18. Tarapar	1,07,069
POST OFFICES :	
Name of Post Office	
1. Manhar Plot—Rajkot TSO	77,398
2. Vardusar BO	12,893
3. Gangan BO	12,807
4. Samdhiala BO	1,397
5. Kankot BO	4,459
6. Hadmatiya	38,306
7. Tarkola BO	8,057
8. Chichod BO	15,577
9. Malanka BO	11,708
10. Gadhadia Jam	3,713

Statement-III

Details of Plans, Projects and Estimates Teelphone Exchanges:

Projects for the following works approved:—

1. 5000-lines Japanese type exchange likely to be commissioned during this year at Rajkot.

2. Additional 5000-lines are expected during 1986-87.

3. Projects estimates for automatication of Gondal, Jtepur, Dhoraji and Upleta sanctioned.

राजस्थान में पलाना लिग्नाइट परियोजना

1480. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार**: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राज्य सरकार राजस्थान की पलाना लिग्नाइट परियोजना के लिए विदेशी सहायता लेने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे दी है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस परियोजना के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार कितनी सहायता राशि प्रदान कर रही है; यदि कोई सहायता नहीं दी जा रही है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान): (क) से (ग) पलाना लिग्नाइट परियोजना के लिए द्वि पक्षीय ऋणों/वाणिज्यिक ऋणों के अन्तर्गत विदेशी सहायता प्राप्त करने का प्रस्ताव है और राजस्थान सरकार को परियोजना के संबंध में आवश्यक विवरण प्रस्तुत करने के लिए कहा गया है। राज्यों को केन्द्रीय सहायता ब्लाक ऋणों/अनुदानों के रूप में दी जाती है और यह किसी विशेष कार्यक्रम/परियोजना से संबंधित नहीं होती।

Coal bearing areas in Orissa

1481. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various coal bearing areas in Orissa;

(b) the various grades of coal available in those areas;

(c) the steps taken by Government for the proper utilisations of coal resources in Orissa; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) A statement is attached (*See below*).

(c) and (d) It is proposed to increase production of coal from Talcher and IB Valley Coalfields of Orissa from the present level of 5.44 million tonnes (1984-85) to 13.9 million tonnes per year by 1989-90. Bharatpur opencast and Jagannath expansion schemes in Talcher coalfields and Belpahar and Laj-Kuro opencast mining projects in IB Valley coalfields have been approved. More project will be taken up during the course of the Seventh Year Plan.